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*Sirih pulang ke gagang, Pinang pulang ke tampuk*



*Amanah kita pegang, Perpaduan kita bentuk*



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## Ucapan khas dari Prof Dr Abdul Rahman Deen



Life is based on a series of choices. The choices that we make determine and shape our own future as well as affect the lives of those around us. Some choices are fairly obvious. Others can be quite difficult. Sometime in August last year, I was faced with the choice of either accepting a continuance of my appointment as the Campus Director, if offered, or requesting to return to lecturing. The motivation to seek continuance was pretty enticing: the challenges of the World Class University agenda; the excitement of organizing UiTM's 50th anniversary celebrations; the satisfaction of completing some unfinished agendas (like the construction of the proposed surau and other improvements to the campus infrastructure) and above all, the pleasure of working with a management team of very dedicated and supportive colleagues which I have enjoyed over the last six years. However, a small voice deep in my heart kept insisting that for the good of UiTM Sarawak and for my own self development, it would be better for me to step down. I chose to comply with this nagging voice and wrote to Yang Berbahagia Dato' Sri VC, asking to be replaced.

It is eight months since I made the decision now and I feel quite convinced that I made the right choice. I can feel the buzz of excitement and the sense of anticipation throughout the campus. With a new leader at the helm, the campus community seems re-energized and prepared for change. Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Hamali has already indicated to us his special concerns, particularly the mission to make our campus a principal player in UiTM's vision of becoming a full-fledged World Class University. I realize that this mammoth task requires a rejuvenation of spirit, a review of the developments and directions that we have undertaken during the last few years and new strategies. As such, new blood in the leadership seems most timely and the appointment of Dr Jamil whom I regard as a very dedicated and well-schooled leader is most appropriate. I foresee many new developments under the new leadership which will be good not only for UiTM Sarawak but all also for all of us as individuals. What is now of paramount importance is that all of us work together and support the new Director so that his plans and programs for the campus can be implemented smoothly and successfully.

Over the last two weeks, the most common remark that I have received from my colleagues is "Wah... can relax now lah!". I am not sure if that is true. Yes, I can relax now if I chose to come before eight in the morning, and do just enough by showing up for all my classes and happily go back after four. However, if I chose to regularly update my notes, try different ways of getting my students excited and motivated, and contribute in ample ways to the development of the university, I don't think that I can relax. The pressures will be different but as a lecturer, my teaching work load and other responsibilities can be just as demanding as before and I don't foresee any room "to relax". So it goes back to the issue of choice. Should I take it easy, do the basics and essentially go through an existence that will be less challenging, uneventful and downright boring or get myself immersed in a range of activities that may at times be quite stressful, but ultimately prove more challenging and fulfilling. I chose the latter.

Finally, let me also take this opportunity to thank every member of UiTM Sarawak for all the assistance and support that I have always received during my tenure as Campus Director. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with a team that is so committed, motivated and magnificent. Thank YOU and now let us all march forward together with our new leader.



## Prof Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali, the new Pengarah Kampus, greet the staff

*"I am glad to be back among old friends and at the same time eager to get to know those that I have not met yet. I am also well aware of the excellent work done here by everyone under the able leadership of Prof Dr Abdul Rahman Deen who, as a matter of fact, has been a great influence on my own personal and professional development. I sincerely hope that I will get the same quality of support enjoyed by Prof Dr Rahman so that we can proceed with our agenda of achieving the mission and vision formulated by our honourable Vice-Chancellor. And thank you for the warm reception."*



# Majlis Pelancaran Penyeragaman Sistem Pengurusan Kualiti UiTM

Sharifah Zakiah

Majlis Pelancaran Program Penyeragaman Sistem Pengurusan Kualiti UiTM: Ke Arah Pensijilan ISO 9001 ke kampus cawangan Sarawak telah disempurnakan dengan jayanya oleh Profesor Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Penolong Naib Canselor Institut Pengembangan Ilmu (InKA) pada 17 Mac baru-baru ini.

Kampus ini merupakan kampus terakhir diadakan "roadshow" ini yang telah bermula beberapa bulan yang lepas bertujuan untuk memastikan adanya penyeragaman dalam proses-proses pengurusan kualiti di keseluruhan sistem UiTM.

Menurut Profesor Dr. Rahmat, untuk mendapatkan akreditasi dan pengiktirafan bagi keseluruhan sistem pengurusan kualiti di UiTM, kita mesti ada satu sistem khusus untuk menyeragamkannya dan kita juga mesti ada satu badan luar untuk menilai pelaksanaannya.

ISO adalah suatu pengiktirafan antarabangsa dan program penyeragaman sistem pengurusan kualiti ini adalah amat penting ke arah merealisasikan visi untuk menjadikan UiTM sebagai sebuah universiti yang bertaraf dunia menjelang tahun 2006.

Menurut Profesor Dr. Rahmat lagi, dalam proses penyeragaman sistem pengurusan kualiti ini, pengisian atau penghayatan konsep kualiti adalah amat penting dilakukan. Ini termasuklah penyeragaman dalam kursus-kursus yang ditawarkan di kampus induk Shah Alam dan kampus-kampus cawangan. Apa-apa kursus yang ditawarkan di kampus induk Shah Alam dan kampus-kampus cawangan hendaklah sama, katanya lagi sambil menambah, dengan penyeragaman ini akan dapat memastikan para graduan kita layak dan mampu bersaing di pasaran tempatan dan antarabangsa.

Di dalam majlis pelancaran itu turut diadakan penyerahan simbolik pemakaian ISO 9001 kepada Pengarah Kampus Sarawak Profesor Dr. Abdul Rahman Deen oleh Profesor Dr. Rahmat Mohamad.

Majlis tersebut dihadiri oleh hampir kesemua kakitangan akademik dan bukan akademik UiTM Kampus Sarawak.

## Objektif Kualiti

Sasaran strategik bagi mempertingkatkan kualiti proses perkhidmatan pendidikan tinggi di UiTM adalah:

**Pencapaian Pelajar**  
**Ketrampilan Staf (Akademik)**  
**Kecemerlangan Program**  
**Kejayaan Penyelidikan**  
**Penulisan Berwasit**

**PELAJAR** Mencapai 30% daripada bilangan pelajar penuh masa tamat pengajian dengan CGPA melebihi 3.00

**STAF** Meningkatkan peratusan tenaga pengajar dengan kelayakan PhD/profesional sebanyak 30% pada 2006

**PENGAJARAN** Mencapai nisbah 1:15 bagi pensyarah:pelajar penuh masa pada 2006

**PENYELIDIKAN** Memastikan sekurang-kurangnya 30 penyelidikan yang berdaftar mendapat pengiktirafan badan luar setiap tahun

**PENULISAN** Mencapai penglibatan staf akademik dalam bidang penulisan atau penerbitan ilmiah pada kadar purata satu per staf akademik setiap tahun

### DIMENSI & PETUNJUK UNIVERSITI BERTARAF DUNIA

1. Kecemerlangan akademik yang diiktiraf di peringkat antarabangsa.
2. Kaedah dan Dasar Kemasukan pelajar yang berteraskan meritokrasi.
3. Tenaga pengajar yang berkepakaran dan diiktiraf antarabangsa.
4. Program akademik yang diiktiraf oleh badan dunia.
5. Keupayaan graduan yang diiktiraf oleh industri dan majikan.
6. Sumber kewangan dan manusia yang menyokong kecemerlangan akademik.
7. Amalan Governance yang cekap.
8. Sumber dan persekitaran yang kondusif.
9. Amalan dasar, prosedur dan mekanisme penilaian yang menjamin kualiti akademik.
10. Pencapaian tinggi pelajar dan staf dalam aktiviti akademik di luar negara.
11. Pembentukan jalinan dan interaksi akademik dengan industri dan universiti dalam dan luar negara.



## Lawatan Kunjung Balas D'Best UiTM Melaka ke UiTM Sarawak

Bersempena dengan lawatan kunjung balas D'Best UiTM Melaka ke UiTM Sarawak, kesemua AJK dan Ad Hoc D'Best Sarawak bersiap sedia menyediakan persiapan dan pelbagai program yang dapat memberi kepuasan dan pengalaman kepada para tetamu kampus. Seperti yang dirancang, kesemua AJK dan Ad Hoc D'Best Sarawak menyambut kehadiran D'Best Melaka dengan penuh rasa gembira.

**Jumaat (18/02/2005) Perjumpaan dengan Fakulti Pengurusan Perniagaan pada sebelah pagi.** Kesemua D'Best Melaka serta pegawai pengiring berjumpa dengan Ketua Program DBS Puan Serah Hj Jaya untuk mendengar taklimat ringkas tentang UiTM Sarawak. Selepas solat Jumaat, mereka dibawa melawat Fakulti Ekonomi dan Perniagaan UNIMAS dan diberi taklimat yang disampaikan oleh Ketua Program Fakulti Ekonomi dan Perniagaan. Pada sebelah malamnya pula Majlis Suaikenal di antara pihak UiTM Melaka dan Sarawak telah diadakan di "Carpark B."

**Sabtu (19/02/2005) Lawatan ke Kampung Budaya Sarawak.** Tidak lengkap kalau kunjungan ke Sarawak tanpa lawatan ke Kampung Budaya Sarawak. Para pengunjung dapat menyaksikan pelbagai jenis rumah tradisional yang terdapat di situ serta pelbagai etnik kaum memperagakan pakaian serta tarian mereka yang mengasyikkan. Pada sebelah petangnya pula, mereka dibawa membeli belah di pasar minggu Satok untuk



membeli ikan terubuk masin UiTM (Usahawan Ikan Terubuk Masin).

### **Ahad (20/02/2005) Perlawanan Persahabatan.**

Pada sebelah pagi, perlawanan persahabatan telah diadakan iaitu pelajar lelaki bermain bola sepak dan pelajar perempuan bermain bola tampar. Untuk meraikan kemenangan mereka, Majlis BBQ diadakan pada sebelah malam di "Carpark B". Tetamu kehormat pada malam itu ialah dua orang pegawai pengiring dari UiTM Melaka iaitu Puan Zaliha dan Puan Siti Hawa manakala UiTM Sarawak diwakili oleh Encik Ibrahim Morshidi serta isteri dan Encik Jati Kasuma Ali. Majlis diakhiri dengan acara penyampaian hadiah dan cenderahati.

### **Isnin(21/02/2005) Lawatan ke Jemaah Pemasaran Lada Hitam.**

Sebelum berangkat pulang, para tetamu sempat melawat pejabat Jemaah Pemasaran Lada Hitam di Pending. Taklimat tentang kilang dan cara pemprosesan lada hitam dan lada putih telah diberikan oleh Pengurus Pemasaran iaitu Cik Agnes. Setelah puas melawat, para tetamu dibawa makan tengahari di Selera Asam Payak di Satok. Dalam perjalanan pulang, mereka sempat singgah di kilang pasu untuk membeli ole-ole untuk dibawa pulang. Semoga lawatan kunjung balas D'Best UiTM Melaka ke Sarawak dapat menjadi kenangan manis yang dapat diceritakan kepada rakan-rakan mereka di sana yang belum pernah berkunjung ke Sarawak.





# Learning by Doing

*Zayn Al-Abideen Gregory*

On Saturday, 12 March, Plantation Industry Management (DPIM) students traveled to SM Teknik Matang for a field trip, community service and practical training project all rolled into one. The trip was organized by the Planter's Guild student association, in cooperation with SM Teknik Matang. The students went as part of their AGR112 Basic Landscape course, in which they learnt the fundamentals of the landscape industry, including landscape design and construction. SMTM graciously received us, sponsoring the full cost of the day, including the plant material, soil, fertilizer and meals for the hard-working students.

The project consisted of a landscape improvement in an area facing the school Surau. Working from a design provided by Mr. Zayn, the students spent several hours under the hot sun building the landscape. A rocky, unforgiving subsoil at the site only added to the toil involved. The students were assisted by the SMTM monitor's club, who worked side by side, learning from the senior DPIM stu-

dents. At the end of the day, having beautified the project site, the class gave a brief speech to the SMTM students, informing them about the programs and courses offered at UiTM Kota Samarahan and encouraging them to choose UiTM for their higher education. Two of our students were in fact alumni of SMTM! Our students returned to the bus for the ride home, exhausted but satisfied that they could practice with their hands what they had studied all semester, and contribute to the community in the process.



# Flowers of labour !

*Zayn Al-Abideen Gregory*

Caladium! Calathea! Canna! You may have heard these and other strange words floating through the air if you passed



by the youth floor last Friday, 11 March. That's because Plantation Industry Management (DPIM) students, together with the UiTM Unit Ladang, had put their goods on display and up for sale. Students from Mr. Abdur Rahman Saili's AGR200 set up colorful and informative displays of local commercial fruits such as mango, jackfruit and starfruit, while students from Mr. Zayn Gregory's AGR112 Basic Landscape class organized the first ever Landscape Plant Sale.

The plant sale featured over 40 varieties of indoor and outdoor ornamental plants that were propagated and cared for right here on UiTM campus by DPIM students. The sale was the culmination of the class syllabus, where students learn the basics of the landscape industry, from plant propagation, to landscape design and construction, to nursery management. The sale, sponsored jointly by UiTM Unit Ladang under Mr. Zulkifli Aswan and the Planter's Guild student association, was a great success. Thanks are due to the students' enthusiastic participation and to everyone who stopped by to purchase something. Look forward to seeing another plant sale at the end of next semester!

# Job Performance & Employee Morale

*Sueb Ibrahim*

Commenting on the findings of a paper "Statistical Modeling on the Relationship between Job performance and Employee Morale in an Organization", the CEO of ZECON Engineering agreed that the findings reflected the work culture and job performance among his staff. The paper was presented by three of our lecturers – Nagarajah Lee, Kuldip Singh and Sueb Ibrahim. The CEO also expressed his hope that more of such researches would be extended to other fields/aspects in ZECON.





Wan Salbiah

The grand farewell and welcoming ceremony for the former and new campus director which was held on Friday night of 1 April was certainly a very memorable occasion.

The ceremony which was held at Hotel Hilton and organized by Pewani and Kekita started at 8.00 pm. The guests were the former Director Prof Dr Abdul Rahman Deen and wife, the new Director, Prof Madya Dr Jamil bin Hj Hamali and wife, Deputy Director of Students Affairs, Prof Madya Dr Hj Abg Ahmad Ridzuan bin Abg Awit, as well as Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, Prof Madya Dr Fatimah Hj. Bujang.

The dinner was well attended by heads of departments, coordinators, lecturers and non-academic staff. The UiTM pensioners were also invited to the dinner. Eloquent and seasoned Master of Ceremony, Encik Hashim Tahot enlivened the ceremony throughout.

The ceremony began with a speech from the Deputy Director of Student Affairs, Prof. Madya Dr. Hj Abg Ahmad Ridzuan Abang Awit. In his speech he expressed his appreciation to Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman's 7 years of contributions as the Campus Director.

While enjoying the sumptuous dinner, the guests were also shown a slide show depicting memorable moments in the professional career of Prof Dr Abdul Rahman. The guests seemed to enjoy the slide show because it included very contrasting pictures, especially the photos of his younger days. The reflection ended with a slide show welcoming our new Director Prof. Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali.







In his speech Prof. Dr Abdul Rahman expressed his appreciation to all the staff who had helped him a lot during his years as the campus director and he also welcomed the new Director, Prof Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali to UiTM Sarawak. The former director also expressed his gladness because our campus is going to be managed by our own ex-graduat. He reminded everyone that there was still a lot to be done and expressed full confidence that Prof Madya Dr Jamil would be able to take us to greater heights. He called for undivided support and and cooperation from everyone.

Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil in his address to the staff said he was very honoured to be appointed as Pengarah Kampus. He called for continued help and support from each and every member of the staff. To realize our vision of becoming a world class university in year 2006, he emphasized the need for all to be actively involved in research.

Among the highlights were several entertaining shows by some of the staff who showed off their talents in singing, dikir barat and comedy sketches. Several mystery gifts were also given away to some lucky staff . Even Prof Dr Abdul Rahman himself showed his talent by singing 'My Way'. His younger son's comment? - "kalah Malaysian Idol".

The ceremony ended at 11.00 pm with the magnificent trio Hassan, Rajesh and Atikah singing the song, 'Selamat Tinggal'.

My personal thanks to Prof Dr Abdul Rahman Deen for being such a supportive and understanding Director especially when I faced some of my most difficult moments here. He has been an inspirational leader.

*Thanks to  
Kekita and  
Pewani for  
a beautiful  
evening*





## Kuldip and Jennifer at the 2nd Asia Pacific Business Conference

Ellen Chung

Kuldip Singh, our Public Administration lecturer with the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies, and Jennifer Tunga Janang, a Senior Lecturer with Faculty of Business Management, recently presented their respective papers at the 2nd Asia Pacific Business Conference at Putrajaya. The international conference was jointly organized by the Faculty of Business Management UiTM and InED UiTM. The two day conference on 8 and 9 March 2005 was held at the Marriot Hotel Putrajaya. The theme of the conference was "Cultural Diversity at the Workplace: Issues and Responses."

Kuldip's paper was entitled "Cultural Diversity: A Source of Competitive Advantage for Today's Organizations". According to him, cultural diversity can be a catalyst for an organization to achieve a competitive advantage in today's highly competitive global environment. Studies have shown that acceptance of a diverse workforce can be very beneficial to the organization both economically and socially. The paper also highlighted the importance of understanding and valuing cultural diversity in the workplace and on how the power of culture can be harnessed by organizations to achieve organizational excellence in the new economy.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elizabeth Caroline for her suggestions and comments regarding the questionnaire. Special thanks go to Caesar DeAlwis for proof reading the final draft of my paper. Last but not the least, my gratitude goes to UiTM Sarawak for sponsoring the conference," said Kuldip.

Jennifer presented a paper entitled "Issues And Challenges Facing Higher Education In Malaysia: Towards Enhancing Employability Of Graduates". The paper was co-written with Annie Wong Muk Ngiik, our Economics Lecturer, Faculty of Business Management, UiTM Sarawak. According to her, the paper was a result of a case study conducted by Annie Wong, Voon Boo Ho, Hwa Tee Yong, Ambi Kun and herself. Jennifer also expressed her gratitude to Ng Kui Choo for editing her paper.

The paper examined the main issues and challenges facing higher education in Malaysia with special emphasis on the employability of graduates. Empirical evidence on graduate employment in Malaysia was obtained from annual reports published by the Ministry of Human Resource, Ministry of Education, Department of Statistics and Bank Negara Malaysia. The main issues on the employment of graduates in Malaysia are rising unemployment among graduates, mismatch in graduates' skills and the requirements of employers, over-production of social science graduates compared to the science graduates, and an imbalance in the gender distribution among graduates. The paper also provided additional information obtained from a tracer study conducted in the year 2001 on Diploma in Banking Studies (DIB) graduates from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Sarawak. Several strategies were recommended to overcome the problem of graduate unemployment in Malaysia, among others, these included developing a curriculum that would enhance the students' critical and analytical thinking, mandatory or negotiated industrial attachment for university undergraduates before graduation, review and repositioning of the course curriculum which include entrepreneurship training.

## An Italian Experience for our Chong Hui

Ng Kui Choo

Wee Chong Hui, our lecturer from the Economics Department, recently returned from presenting her paper "Macroeconomics Policy Redistribution and Poverty Reduction in Malaysia" at a 2-day workshop held from 24 – 25 February 2005, at the University of Florence, Italy.

It seems the reduction of poverty is not progressing as fast as it should be despite the fact that global economies are growing. Only Malaysia is strong enough to establish her stand on the eradication of poverty. The objective of the workshop was to study transitional economies in central Asia. According to Chong Hui, the presenters were allocated one hour each to present their papers instead of the usual 20 minutes because the issues were studied in depth. Most of the presenters were quite critical of the economies they studied, including Chong Hui herself.

"In the course of my research, I had been critical about the Malaysian economy, but surprisingly some of the experts in the field are amazed at the strides we have made – especially in the light of the way we scrambled back to our feet after the 1997 financial crisis. Malaysia is perceived as one of the more successful economies! There are some economies like Mauritius, which are currently going through what we went through during the 1997 financial crisis."

It was her supervisor who got her involved in the presentation and Chong Hui is grateful for that. Her overall perception of the workshop is that practically all who participated were experts who were very passionate about their areas of study, but they were obviously working against time. "They had a lot to say, but unfortunately could not find the time to put everything in writing. Like this paper I was chairing- it was short, but all the ideas were there – the presenter had managed to capture the essence within the short space of time. However, it could have made a better impact if it had been written out as a full length paper."

Her opinion of Italy? She had no time to paint the town red. Most of her experience was confined to the town of Florence – quaint and pleasant. Her only reservation was the cost of living - the outrageously high cost of food came as a rude shock to her. For instance, a burger costs the equivalent of RM30.00!





## Tsunami - The waves of destruction

*Helen Pereira*

Do you know how Tsunamis happen? Can you recognize a Tsunami? Do you know if Sarawak will ever be hit by a Tsunami? The answers to all these questions were answered in an enlightening talk given by our Timbalan Naib Cancellor, Datuk Prof. Ir Dr. Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar.

The talk, held on 8 April at Holiday Inn, Kuching was open to staff and the general public. At 7.45 the hall saw only a sprinkling of people however, by 8.00 it had filled up. Kudos to Yang Bahagia Datuk for a power packed two-hour talk that was filled with geographical facts and details, audio and visual presentations, all of which were very informative and most educational. Yang Berbahagia Datuk, also took questions from members of the audience.

It was a shame that many missed the opportunity due to other commitments (bearing in mind that the exams were still on). It would have been very useful especially for students to have had that knowledge about Tsunami. While the talk itself was attention grabbing, it was at times disrupted due to technical problems. Nevertheless, it was an evening well spent.

## TESL Road Show Team

One of Sueb's prerogative upon taking over as Coordinator of the B.A. TESL programme was to launch a more aggressive form of publicity in the form of road shows. Initially two series were planned - the first on 22 February with SMK Stampin and SK Mata Parang as the venue and the second a week later on 29 February, to be held at SMK Serian and SMK Simunjan. The first series was a success, but, unfortunately, the second had to be postponed due to the school holidays. However the show will resume after the holidays.

According to Sueb, the main objective of the road show was to inform potential applicants about both the BA TESL program as well as the up and coming M.Ed TESL program. The road show was also to encourage a form of pre-registration for the university. Insofar as objectives are concerned, the road show has been a success. Sueb, reiterating that the road show is not intended as a "one-off" kind of activity, is keen to extend it to other divisions in the state like Sibul, Miri and Bintulu.

Members of the team include Haikal, John Francis, Mikhail, Baljinder, Caesar, Dr. Bromley, Saira Joe, Issma, Doreen and Lily.

## MITSA Persatuan Alumni UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA SARAWAK

*Noor Shima Antony*

Pada 12 Mac 2005 yang lalu AJK MITSA telah mengadakan mesyuarat bersama dengan AJK Seminar Ekonomi Kebangsaan 2005 dan AJK Konvensyen Kebangsaan ALUMNI 2005. Mesyuarat ini telah diadakan di pejabat Yang DiPertua MITSA, YB Encik Abdul Wahab Aziz, Wisma SPPS, Jalan Sultan Tengah, Kuching. Mesyuarat ini membincangkan tentang Seminar yang akan diadakan bersempena dengan Sambutan Ulangtahn UiTM ke 50. Aktiviti ini dicadangkan pada bulan Jun 2005 dan merupakan anjuran bersama MITSA dan UiTM Sarawak. Seminar ini akan membincangkan isu-isu ekonomi semasa negara dan antara penceramah jemputan adalah Yang Berbahagia Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, YB Datuk Mustapha Mohamad dan Tan Sri (Dr.) Mohd. Saleh Sulong.

Satu lagi aktiviti yang akan diadakan adalah Konvensyen ALUMNI Kebangsaan 2005 yang merupakan medan pertemuan dan perbincangan ALUMNI UiTM bagi menjalin dan mengukuhkan perhubungan serta kerjasama antara ALUMNI dan juga pihak UiTM. Ianya juga diharapkan dapat menghasilkan satu "Deklarasi" yang boleh menjadi panduan

ALUMNI dalam bersama-sama merealisasikan Aspirasi UiTM dan memperkasakan UiTM menjadi sebuah Universiti Bertaraf Dunia. Pihak Jawatankuasa Penganjur mengalu-alukan penyertaan dan sokongan semua warga kampus UiTM Sarawak terutamanya ALUMNI dalam menjayakan kedua-dua aktiviti yang telah dirancang ini.



YDP MITSA, YB En. Abc/u/ Wahab Aziz, Timb.. YDP MITSA, Dr. Fatimah Bujang dan beberapa kakitangan SPPS



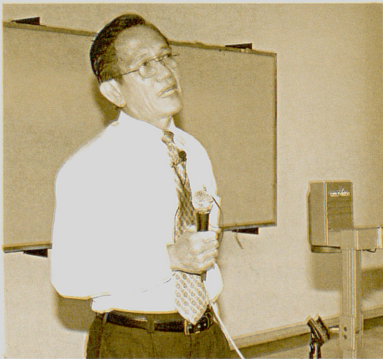
## Seminar on Adat Law

Wan Salbiah

On 14th March 2005, the Law Faculty organized a talk on Adat Law at Bilik Sarjana, UiTM. The speaker was none other than Prof Madya Ibrahim Lamat from our main campus, Shah Alam, who is an expert in this field. Our Pengarah, Prof Dr Abdul Rahman Deen officiated the opening ceremony. The participants were the law lecturers themselves, lecturers from the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies. There were also several lecturers from the other faculties.

In the first topic, "The Legal Framework of Adat Law In Sarawak" Prof Madya Ibrahim Lamat shared his knowledge on the law relating to the native rights with respect to land matters in Sarawak. Another topic was "An Update on Recent Developments in Adat Law Sarawak as compared to Adat Law in Sabah" where he discussed the Adat Law in Sarawak as compared to those in Sabah.

At the end of the talk we realized that our native people are very rich in their own traditions and each group had their own Adat Law which were very unique. The talk ended at 4.00 p.m.



## 'Administrative powers' and 'Discipline'

Wan Salbiah

On 15 March, the Law Faculty organized another talk in DK 1 conducted by the same speaker, Prof Madya Ibrahim Lamat from Shah Alam. This time the participants were not just among the Law and Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy lecturers but Coordinators and Heads of Department. Students from DPA Part 5 who were taking Administrative Law subject were also invited to attend the talk since the topic of the talk was related to their subject.

The topics of the talk was on the "Implementation of Administrative Powers" and "The Process Related To Staff and Students Discipline". During the first talk, Prof Madya Ibrahim Lamat explained the structure of the administrative bodies and the scope of their powers. Among others, he explained the appointment of Investigation Committee. The second topic was on the disciplinary proceeding where he explained the procedures and the types of conducts which may amount to an offences under the provisions of 174 Act.

The talk which started at 10.00 am, ended at 1.30 pm and it really gave an impact to the participants since they were given the opportunity to know their rights as staff and students.

## Seminar on Special Education

Ng Kui Choo

Ng Kui Choo, who is also the Hon. Sec. of Pertubuhan Bagi Ibu Bapa Kanak Kanak Cacat Sarawak (PIBAKAT) recently presented a paper "Special Education in Sarawak: The Role of NGOs". Kui Choo noted that a small but growing number of parents of pre-

school as well as primary school children with special needs are resorting to NGOs despite the provision of special education in Sarawak. Parents of special children seem disillusioned with special classes within mainstream schools. This is probably because of shortage of trained teachers, inadequate physical facilities and the lack of teacher aides. A revival of holiday courses for teachers who are assigned to teach special classes, the provision of teacher aides as well as the changing of mindsets for teachers teaching special classes were

some of measures she suggested to overcome this situation.

The two-day seminar, attended by some 100 teachers, personnel from the state education department including the Director of Education, Datu Dr. Haji Adi Badiozaman Tuah, representatives from the various NGOs as well as special parents, concluded with a forum. The closing ceremony was officiated by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, YAB Pehin Sri Dr. Hj. Abdul Taib Mahmud.

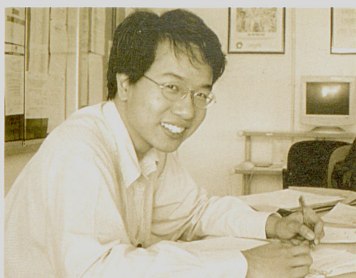


# Welcome !

Abdul Rahman Saili

We welcome the three new lecturers who recently joined us.

**Markson Chin**  
Lecturer of Law



*"Am thankful for being at UiTMCS and I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and part of the UiTMCS family."*

**Nur Aida Kipli**  
Lecturer of Public Administration



*"I wish to record my heartfelt appreciation to UiTMCS, which has given me the opportunity to join this university."*

*I look forward to making a lot of new friends and enjoying my classes. And I do hope that the knowledge and experience I gain would help me develop further and contribute to the society as a whole."*

**Imilia Ibrahim**  
Lecturer of Information Management



*"I think my decision to come here was the best I've ever made. I enjoyed being a part of UiTMCS. People here are friendly and helpful. The place is nice and calm compared to my hectic hometown in Kuala Lumpur. I guess I'm going to be a part of UiTMCS for years to come."*

## Malam Pra Graduan Sesi Nov 04 - Apr 05

**Julia bte Zen**  
Pembantu Tadbir Aktiviti

Pada tanggal 12 Mei 2005 bertempat di Hotel Riverside Crowne Plaza Kuching, telah berlangsung Malam Pra Graduan bagi sesi Nov 04 - April 05. Majlis tersebut yang bertemakan THE WAY FORWARD telah dianjurkan oleh pihak Hal Ehwal Pelajar.

Tujuan Malam Pra Graduan ini diadakan adalah untuk meraikan pelajar-pelajar bahagian akhir serta bakal graduan di samping penyampaian hadiah dan sijil kepada pelajar terbaik bagi semua fakulti dan juga keseluruhan.

Tetamu kehormat bagi majlis tersebut ialah Puan Mary Sadih Zainuddin selaku Petronas Regional Manager Sarawak. Di samping itu para jemputan juga terdiri daripada Ketua-ketua Bahagian, Ketua-ketua Program serta Ahli Jawatankuasa Penganjur. Pihak media juga turut dijemput untuk memberi ulasan akhbar mengenai program ini. Seramai 440 orang pelajar dari pelbagai fakulti hadir.

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Malam tersebut dimeriahkan lagi dengan persembahan nyanyian dan juga tarian oleh Kelab Kebudayaan dan Kesenian di samping ceramah utama oleh Puan Mary Sadih Zainuddin.

Bagi menyeronokkan lagi majlis tersebut, sebanyak 15 buah hamper diberikan sebagai hadiah cabutan bertuah untuk para hadirin. Walau bagaimanapun pihak HEP tidak mengadakan anugerah Pakaian Lelaki dan Wanita Tercantik seperti pada semester-semester lepas untuk mengelakkan pelajar-pelajar wanita dari berpakaian keterlaluan.

Pendek kata program malam pra graduan semester ini berjalan dengan lancar dan jayanya.

## Farewell !

Cindy Wee

Goy Siew Ching says goodbye to everyone. She is taking up the post of an Economics lecturer at UNIMAS after having served UiTM Sarawak for 9 years.

When asked how she felt about leaving UiTM, she said she has mixed feelings. She is sad because she is leaving all her good friends and happy that she is beginning a new chapter in life.





*Malam Pra Graduan (m.s. 11)*



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